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WOMAN'S WORLD.

A WOMAN WHO INVENTS AND DOES OTHER THINGS WELL.

Women as Shipping Clerks—Octavia Williams Bates. The breakfast jacket—International Woman's Congress—Working Girls' Clubs.

The first woman who has invented any mechanical appliance relating to the bicycle is Mrs. Sadie Bodine of New York City.

An invention for women by a woman has a practical ring to it, and an enthusiastic wholehearted is bound to know the needs of her fellow wheelwomen as no mere man could, however laudable his intentions. In riding a wheel Mrs. Bodine found that the greatest drawback to her comfort was her inability to keep her skirt from being blown about with the wind, no matter how substantial the material used or how heavily it was weighted. She set



to design some contrivance for her own convenience, and a clever invention was the result.

Mrs. Bodine comes honestly by her knack of inventing useful things. She is a great-granddaughter of Gethro Wood, the inventor of the cast iron plow and the metal door lock. Her father, the late Albert H. Wood, made some of the most valuable inventions in piano facts and was the first to introduce rubber into their construction.

Mrs. Bodine's first invention was an improved variety of sewing machine needles. Besides her ingenuity in mechanical lines, she is well known as a decorator and furnisher of artistic apartments, and has written several popular topical songs. This remarkably versatile woman has seen but a quarter of a century, and possesses a charm of manner and grace of person that are somewhat difficult to associate with machinery and patent offices.—New York Tribune.

Women as Shipping Clerks.

One of New York's biggest dry goods merchants demonstrates his faith in woman's executive ability. From basement to roof his establishment is almost entirely under feminine control.

The delivery department was the first one entrusted to the care of the gentler sex, its success inviting others to follow. The young woman superintendent is not masculine in her appearance. She has entire charge of this department, engaging and discharging help at her pleasure. She is personally responsible to the firm for the correct delivery of all goods purchased in the store.

Directly under her supervision come 18 delivery wagons, as many drivers and between 25 and 30 boys. There are also a number of shipping clerks assisting her in various ways and between 10 and 12 packers.

Personally she must arrange the routes and assign them to the drivers, listen to all complaints and smooth out difficulties arising therefrom. Withal she is a very unassuming little person.

"You know, I am merely a wage earner, that's all. Yes, I believe my place is rather unusual, but not more so than many of the young women working here," were her replies to questions. "I have complete charge of my department, but do not find the work too laborious. Of course I employ as many of my own sex as possible, and things generally run very smoothly. Women are more reliable, I believe, in their business relations than men. That is why they are preferred here."

Among 50 women employed in superior places in the main office of the firm there was scarcely a plain face.—New York Sun.

Octavia Williams Bates.

Miss Octavia Williams Bates of Detroit enjoys the unique distinction of being president of the postgraduate law class of the University of Michigan. The honor is the greater as the law class to graduate this school year will be the first to complete the four year course. The presidency of the law classes is as eagerly sought as any political office. There are but three or four women in the law department, and Miss Bates is leader of the coterie. She has been honored before by minor offices in her class. Her present experience at the university is not her first. She was one of the first women to enter, and in 1877 she took the degree of bachelor of arts. Regarding her first experience, Miss Bates has said, "When I entered the university, as the higher education of women was still in its experimental stage, I anticipated a great deal that would be difficult and hard to bear; but, having determined to secure a thorough education, I nerved myself to endure all things to that end." She says that she soon found herself having a good time.

She is taking the law course, not with the idea of practicing law, but that she may be able to disentangle legal knots in her own business and may be able to put her knowledge to use in the interest of women. Miss Bates has been president of the Woman's club of Detroit, has been a member of the board of directors of the Association for the Advancement of Women and a member of the board of directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

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vacation of Women and a member of the board of directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The Breakfast Jacket.

The breakfast jacket this season has taken the place of the breakfast gown. It is made of a variety of materials and is worn generally with a skirt to match. The most inexpensive are made of flannel, and the most costly of silk. Some of the elaborate ones, with a skirt to match, are almost as expensive as a party gown. The silk skirt is trimmed with lace ruffles and the jacket made with a lace collar. But for everyday wear the breakfast jacket of flannel is the most serviceable. One dainty French model recently seen was of pale violet flannel, trimmed with baby ribbon in deep violet. The jacket was made with a full loose front and a bow of coarse cream lace. The yoke was striped with lines of the baby ribbon, which in the center were fastened in a knot with many loops. The collar was a high frill of violet silk, edged with three rows of the ribbon velvet. The sleeve was made with a short puff at the shoulder, which was finished with five rows of the ribbon wound about the arm and then tied in a bow. The deep cuff of the sleeve was made of two lace frills and headed by rows of baby ribbon.

The skirt to be worn with this jacket was made of flannel of the same color. A deep flounce of violet silk finished it at the bottom. The flounce was almost entirely covered by rows of the baby velvet ribbon in the dark shade of violet. Cashmere breakfast jackets trimmed with lace are also very pretty. They may be worn with a skirt to match, or one of silk. One seen recently was of bright scarlet cashmere, trimmed with black lace insertions and narrow black velvet ribbons.—Chicago Times-Herald.

International Women's Congress.

The international women's congress, which met last September in Berlin has been a wonderful success. It has been a genuine revelation in the German community. The tone of the press has undergone a complete change. Instead of rampant sarcasm or serious disapproval the newspapers are now animated by a friendly spirit. The women and their doings are treated with respectful attention. The calm and dignified tone of the discussions has won universal approval. The New York Nation says:

Even the exchange of views between the Socialdemokratinnen and the more conservative majority of the participants in the congress did not lead to intemperance of language or exhibitions of violent antagonism, a circumstance with which foreign delegates have been favorably impressed. English and French delegates have expressed their surprise at the remarkable self control and manner of fact ways of the German women. The latter, in their turn, are deriving from occurrences at the congress encouragement for the future reconciliation of the classes through the mediation of women. One of their special objects of agitation just now is the revision by the new reichstag two years hence of certain sections of the new civil code of the empire, which will not take effect till the year 1900.

Working Girls' Clubs.

There is a federation comprising 22 working girls' clubs of Boston and vicinity. The work of one of these clubs, the Shawmut, was described by Miss Edith M. Howe at a recent meeting of the good citizenship class.

For the past year the club has interested itself especially in the outside life of the working women. An investigation of the moral conditions in which they are placed has been carried on. Factory girls have been made ready to report, and their reports have in general been much more favorable than those of girls employed in stores, but even here girls of innate parity of character and motive are safe, with a few exceptions. Only one or two employers were found in Boston who subjected girls to extraordinary temptations, and against these men working girls were warned.

Some of the girls rather resented this sort of investigation and asked why the club workers did not do something practical, such as taking measures for the bettering of wages and the obtaining of shorter hours. In consequence the subject of early closing was agitated, and an organization was formed among the women similar to the benevolent association of young men clerks, with a membership of over 100.

Women and Money Matters.

It has often been noted that women are more honorable in money matters than men, and that it is far less rare to have a small loan paid back by a woman than by a man. This fact, again, appears to us to be fully explained by the trustee theory of woman's attitude toward money. Women are not honest in other things than men, but the notion of money being a trust overrides and dominates other considerations. The man who borrows is very apt to forget all about the matter. The woman who borrows feels that a double trust runs with the money, and she cannot rest till she has repaid it. No doubt there are many exceptions, but generally speaking, women are more careful about money matters than men and attach more importance to money; hence it happens that they never make great fortunes, seldom go bankrupt, and generally are rather more scrupulous than men in small pecuniary transactions.—London Spectator.

Heroism in Women.

Miss Mona Burrows, a young teacher in the Home For Feeble Minded Children, Vineland, N. J., rescued a boy of 14 from the flames when the home was destroyed by fire recently. She had helped to guide the children out of the blazing house, and discovering that the

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boy had been forgotten in his room, she dashed into the building, succeeded to his room and by main force and against his will carried him into the open air. In performing this heroic feat Miss Burrows was seriously injured and is now under the care of a physician.

The Newark Advertiser says: "Heroism of men is recognized and rewarded by the national, state and municipal governments. The federal government gives medals to life savers and has a host of pensioners on its rolls. The state has voted medals and pensions for heroic acts or injuries received in the performance of duty. Municipalities have their methods of rewarding heroism in men. The state of New Jersey has the opportunity now to honor heroism in women."

A Serious, Earnest Woman.

Mrs. Lucinda H. Stone, whose pioneer work in Michigan along suffrage, educational, journalistic and club lines has won her golden opinions, is spending the winter in Washington, the honored guest of a former pupil, Mrs. Elmont, who is prominent in club and intellectual life in that city. In a letter to the Charlotte (Mich.) Tribune Mrs. Stone writes interestingly of distinguished persons she has recently met and says: "There was Mrs. Warren, wife of Senator Warren of Wyoming, with whom I had a very interesting conversation on the Wyoming subject, woman suffrage, in which she is an enthusiastic believer. She is a fine looking woman and very interesting—a serious, earnest woman, who talks because she has something to say; believes in woman suffrage because she believes in women; that they are the mother heart of the nation and just as necessary to it as the individual person."

Women and Parliament.

There seems to be still a chance for those few members of our sex who covet the right to sit in parliament. It appears that, in the views of some who are qualified to form an opinion on such matters, the supply of parliamentary candidates is decreasing, and the decline is likely to become still more serious as those who are eligible for such service come to realize more and more the inadequacy of the reward which the life of an "M. P." offers, as compared with the trouble and expense necessary to secure election. But if the supply of male candidates fall there will be nothing for it but to fall back upon the "emancipators" of our sex, who may thus be provided with an opportunity of rushing in where the male creature refuses any longer to tread.—Lady's Pictorial.

Mrs. Avery is Not Wealthy.

Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery, while attending the recent executive meeting of the Woman's National Council in Boston, was described by some of the papers as a woman worth \$5,500,000. A few years ago Mrs. Avery had abundant means and gave liberally to the suffrage cause. A few years hence she is likely to have abundant means again and will then no doubt contribute with her usual generosity. But we have the best authority for saying that, through certain business complications, Mrs. Avery is at present the reverse of rich. The newspaper report about her millions, by which many women would have been flattered, has been a cause of sorrow to her, as it has brought her many applications to which she is quite unable to respond.—Boston Letter.

China Closet Hints.

Irregular edges are in favor of plates, saucers and all sorts of dishes except cups. They are, so far, smooth edged. White and gold china is enjoying as much popularity as in our grandmother's day, the plain gilt band being now, as then, the favorite decoration. Filigree borders are also seen, and gilt monograms of varying degrees of ornateness are set in the center of the dishes. Gray china is one of the season's novelties. Another is a peculiar faint green known as Florentine. All the new coffee and tea cups are in the low bowl shapes, with outturned tops. The after dinner coffee cups are smaller than ever. In the heart shape they are very dainty.

The Fourth Star.

The supreme court of Idaho has decided that the woman suffrage amendment is carried. Any other decision would have been clearly unjust, and the vote in favor of the women was nearly two to one. The political equity clubs can now take out the stars which they had prepared to sew on the suffrage flags for California and give them on for Idaho. We have our fourth star, after all.—Boston Woman's Journal.

The disposition to utilize all usual and foreign products is illustrated in the chairs seen in some shops. They are made of the plaited Malay mats, painted, to form a sweeping back, and an American frame. They really contribute to the odd and artistic furniture which abounds in these days.

Lovely medallions of Cornet and Decolleté china, exquisitely painted and about the size of a silk dollar, are sold singly for use in cording the lace of a corsage or throat bow.

The Grangers of New York have generally favored woman suffrage and are probably as yet the largest body of supporters of this reform in that state.—American Cultivator.

Much of the beautiful decorative work in the hall of the neocultural building in Philadelphia was done by the women students of a School of Industrial Art.

The Women's Educational and Industrial Union of Buffalo was one of the largest and finest buildings in the city and has a membership of 1,088.

A Woman's Literary club in Paterson, N. J., has decided to organize itself into a political organization.

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